

52. The picture frame of Claim 48 also comprising a magnetic bottom plate positioned at right angle to said background picture for supporting and displaying said 3D art.
53. The picture frame of Claim 48 also comprising a bottom plate having an up-and-down surface structure engageable with said 3D art.
54. The picture frame of Claim 48 also comprising:
 - (a) a bottom opening, and
 - (b) an insertion member for
 - (i) holding said 3D art,
 - (ii) inserting said 3D art through said bottom opening, and
 - (iii) positioning said 3D art between said frame glass member and said background picture.
55. The picture frame of Claim 54 in which said insertion member also has electric means for activating said 3D art.

REMARK

Following is a discussion on one listed prior art by G. M. Tarzian (US Patent No. 2,731,749) which is considered to be relevant to the applicant's application.

1. The Applicant's framed display is a novel inventive concept over Tarzian (US-A-2 731 749).
 Listed in the followings are several components, each of which is novel over Tarzian, in making possible the Applicant's framed display concept. Also provided is a direct comparison between the Applicant's disclosure and Tarzian on each listed component.

<u>Components</u>	<u>Applicant's Disclosure</u>	<u>Tarzian</u>
Background Picture	A backwardly curved (center portion projects backwardly) background picture, which by itself imparts a 3D effect.	A flat background picture, which by itself does not impart a 3D effect.
Foreground Picture	A trimmed composite picture that is flat and must stay flat.	A partial picture that is forwardly curved (center portion projects forwardly).
Frame	A frame with (a) a curved back wall for bending a flat picture into a backwardly curved picture, and (b) a glass member for covering the front opening and the top opening of the frame body.	A frame with a flat back wall and a forwardly curved front glass.

T r i m m e d Composite Picture A trimmed composite picture in which a customer's image is merged in and surrounded by a base image or template. It can be printed on a sheet with pre-existing perforated line or die cut line. Same sheets can be used for different customers as long as same base image is employed.

Does not show or suggest a trimmed composite picture as defined and shown by applicant.

2. Claim 41 of Applicant has a special technical feature over Tarzian.

A composite picture is defined by applicant as a picture created by merging two or more images together (Page 13, lines 27-29). In this application, the applicant uses the word "image" and the word "picture" interchangeably. For example, as shown in applicant's Fig. 8 the base picture (template) 133 is merged with the customer picture 131 for creating the composite picture 141 (Page 25, lines 25-30). Here the base picture 133 and the customer picture 131 are also considered by applicant as two images according to the above definition. As is clear from the flow scheme of Fig. 8, these two images or pictures 131 and 133 are in existence prior to the merging process. This merging process is shown as a computer process performed to merge the pictures or images 131 and 133 together in creating the composite picture 141.

The picture 22 in Tarzian is a partial (or trimmed) scenery picture or image showing the images of trees, bushes, and surrounding grass and ground. This picture or image 22 and its components are created at the same time typically by photographic process using a camera. According to applicant's definition and illustration of Fig. 8, the Tarzian's picture 22 is not a composite picture because the image components of the scenery picture or image 22 are not shown pre-existing prior to the creation of the picture or image 22. The trimmed composite picture as specified and defined in claim 41 of applicant is a special technical feature over Tarzian.

All prior arts listed in the present IDS are obtained from the PCT International Search Report. The two foreign prior arts listed were cited as relevant to the original claims 1,4,5,6 and 10, all of which are now canceled.

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